

December 24, 2003

Obit: Robert L. Jensen



- Aberdeen-Funeral Services for Robert Lincoln Jensen, formerly of Groton, will be held Saturday, December 27, 11:00am at the United Methodist Church in Groton with Rev. Grant Piehl officiating. Burial will be in the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Bob was born October 28, 1929 to Frank D. Jensen and Jennie Charlotte "Jane" (Bell) Jensen. They resided in Putney Township where Bob attended elementary school and Groton High School. He married Mary Alice (Blackmun) Jensen in 1947. After living in

California for a brief time, they returned to the Groton area to farm with his father. In 1956, they moved with their three children to the Jensen family farm southwest of Putney, where five generations of his family had lived.

- Bob was a progressive farmer in horticulture and soil conservation practices. He served on the Putney Farmers Elevator Board for many years. He was also active in flood control projects on the Crow Creek entry to the James River. Bob served on Putney's School and Township Boards and he was one of the founders of the reorganized Valley Farmers Elevator in Groton. He retired after 50 years of farming in 1991.

- One of Bob's hobbies and special interests was auto racing. When Emery Sippel was racing "Putney 11" in the 1950s, Bob was part of the pit crew. He continued to follow the sport throughout his life.

- Bob enjoyed his family and grandchildren who visited the farm in the summers. Winters found Bob and Mary Alice traveling to their daughters' homes in North Carolina and Idaho.

- Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice and their three children; Carol (Dan) Collins of Ashville, North Carolina, Steve (Roxanne) Jensen of Groton, and Connie Rexroad of Boise, Idaho. Surviving grandchildren include Christa Collins Sherrod, Daniel Ryan Collins, Rux Jensen, Brett Jensen, Cindy Schneider, Jim Schneider, Margo Schneider, and Wilson Rexroad. Great-grandchildren include Madeline and Mary Alice Collins, Alex and David Robert Jensen, Mark and Paul James Schneider, and Evelyn Schneider.

- Bob was preceded in death by his mother and father. He was their only child.

- Casketbearers will be Marc Sippel, Glenn Cooper, Larry Pharis, Dick Kolker, Steve Thurston and Todd Pharis.

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